

10/501323

DTIS Form 1/17/10 11,5 JUL 2004

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0115

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#2

National Phase of International)	
Application No. PCT/JP02/13065)	
)	
In re Application of:)	Group Art Unit:
)	
Kensuke FUJII et al.)	Examiner:
)	
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
)	
Filed: July 15, 2004)	
)	
For: METHOD OF PURIFYING)	
CONTAMINATED SOIL USING)	
MICROORGANISMS)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449, and cited on the enclosed international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of those non-English language documents that are not listed in the international search report:

1. Japanese patent application publication no. 7-275837 discloses a method, which comprises mixing burnt lime with contaminated soil, agitating the soil to generate heat of hydration along with the chemical reaction of water contained in the contaminated soil with the burnt lime, and treating the contaminants by evaporation utilizing the heat of hydration. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

2. Japanese patent application publication no. 2001-314882 discloses a material for bioremediation, which comprises a porous body mainly comprising a heated foam grass. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

3. Japanese patent application publication no. 11-179338 discloses an agent for soil repair, which comprises a material A decreasing a rapidity of diffusion of trichloroethylene existed in the agent and preventing penetration of native microorganisms into the agent, a material B retaining nutrient factors so as to gradually supply the nutrient factors to trichloroethylene-decomposing microorganism, and a material C retaining the trichloroethylene-decomposing microorganism. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

The following non-English language documents are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and in the international search report:

4. Japanese patent application publication no. 2001-81464. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

5. Japanese patent application publication no. 7-188659. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

6. Japanese patent application publication no. 2001-232344. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

7. Japanese patent application publication no. 8-112586. An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, paragraph numbered 4 through 7 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

10/501323

DT15 Rec'd FCT/PTO 15 JUL 2004

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 04853.0115

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please
charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: July 15, 2004

By:



Ernest F. Chapman
Reg. No. 25,961

Enclosures
EFC/FPD/blc

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION

Atty. Docket No.	04853.0115	Application No.	10/501323
Applicants	Kensuke FUJII et al.		
Filing Date	July 15, 2004	Group:	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial*		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
		7-275837	October 24, 1995	Japan			Abstract
		2001-314882	November 13, 2001	Japan			Abstract
		11-179338	July 6, 1999	Japan			Abstract
		WO 94/25628	November 10, 1994	WIPO			
		2001-81464	March 27, 2001	Japan			Abstract
		7-188659	July 25, 1995	Japan			Abstract
		2001-232344	August 28, 2001	Japan			Abstract
		8-112586	May 7, 1996	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

Examiner	Date Considered
*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	
Form PTO 1449	Patent and Trademark Office - U.S. Department of Commerce